

CIA Involvement of Danish Company Reported
in Tofte Case

In an article titled "Now, CIA Sees Hobgoblins in Denmark - Security Tangle in Washington," Kansan Uutiset, Helsinki Communist daily, of 6 August involved a Danish company, Ostasiatisk Kompagnie (East Asia Company), in the Tofte case. In addition to reporting the now familiar way in which the Tofte case came to light - the report of the missing jewels and the disclosure of the confiscated secret documents, Kansan Uutiset carried the following:

"According to the [Danish] new agency RB, Tofte related to the Washington correspondent of Berlingske Tidenden [Copenhagen Conservative daily] that the world-renown Danish company Ostasiatisk Kompagnie had been listed as a Communist front organization by the CIA. He stated that the case began in 1956, when he was assigned the task of compiling a report on Ostasiatisk Kompagnie. Tofte strongly opposed the idea that the company should be suspected of Communist activities. As a result, he himself was investigated and even subjected to the polygraph. However, a few months ago, he noticed that the status of Ostasiatisk Kompagnie on CIA listings had not been changed. Tofte has now brought his complaints to the top."